



**Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates
in Science and Engineering
Fall 2008**

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Dear <School Coordinator Name>:

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announce the opening of the Web site for the fall 2008 *Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering* (GSS). You have been identified as the GSS school coordinator for <Inst/School name>. If you are not the coordinator, or think you have received this material in error, please call us toll-free at (866) 558-0781.

- Information you need to start the 2008 GSS Web survey: **Website:** <http://www.gss2008.org>
User ID: <USERID>
Password: <PW>
- Important Dates: **November 28, 2008** Update list of organizational units
February 27, 2009 Submit completed survey information

The enclosed 2008 GSS Worksheet has a new look, but the information requested is the same as that requested in 2007. We have changed the page orientation to make the GSS easier to fill out, and to accommodate this change, we have switched the columns and rows. Page 2 of the worksheet lists minor changes and clarifications for 2008. One additional change will be the presentation of institutional data in the 2008 statistical tables. This year, the few nonresponding GSS institutions will not be listed in the institutional tables (e.g., Table 48). However, national and regional totals in all tables will include estimated data for those institutions.

If you are new to the role of school coordinator this year, you will use the GSS Web survey to:

- Identify the organizational units at your school with graduate students, postdoctorates, and/or doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers in the **fall 2008 enrollment period** (science, engineering, and health fields only)
- Decide who completes the information for each organizational unit
- Monitor reporting progress to ensure that all organizational units report by the due date

For questions, please contact Ms. Jamie Friedman, RTI International, toll-free at (866) 558-0781 or gss@rti.org. Or contact Julia Oliver, NSF Project Officer, at (703) 292-7809 or joliver@nsf.gov.

Thank you for your efforts in providing timely and accurate statistics to NSF and NIH.

Sincerely,

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